

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: March 20, 2020

COVID-19

The City continues to exercise the precautions set up March 12th. The Armory and Community Center/Library are closed to the public, City Hall remains open. All meetings or events in the Armory, Community Center and parks through April 14th have been cancelled. Other events beyond April 14th have been advised that the prohibition of events or gatherings may be in affect beyond the 14th.

City staff will be visiting with utility customers that have past due accounts from the last 60 days and working with them to make arrangements or access assistance programs.

All meetings at City Hall, other than City Council or Planning Commission meetings have been cancelled. City Council and Planning Commission meetings will be conducted virtually until further notice. Anyone interested in attending a City Council or Planning Commission meeting is encouraged to connect to the meeting online or by phone. The Council Chambers will be available for those that are unable to access the meeting by phone or online. Attendance in the City Council Chambers is limited to no more than 10 people.

Everyone is encouraged to continue to follow Social Distancing requirements. Anyone with questions about COVID-19 should call the Lane County Information line at (541)682-1380. The line is open daily from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. For up to date information visit: www.lanecountyor.gov/coronavirus.

Don't Flush That

With the COVID-19 virus responses more people are using disinfectant wipes to clean surfaces. Please be aware that even if wipes say they can be flushed – they cannot. Please do not flush any kind of wipes. Even the wipes identified as “flushable” create problems in the sewer system. Wipes do not break down as toilet paper does and will get hung up on the inside of the pipes. All wipes should be disposed of in the trash.

Census

The 2020 Census is still happening. Staff and field work has been delayed because of the COVID-19 virus but the count continues. The Census has mailed the census information and everyone is encouraged to respond to the census online. The more responses that are returned online the fewer visits that will need to be conducted. It only takes a couple of minutes to complete the census online.

School Lunch Meals

South Lane School District is providing free lunch and breakfast for every child 0 to 18 years old every weekday from 9:00 to 10:00 am. They have three locations where the meals can be picked up: the High School, London and Dorena. Children must be present to pick up the meals.

In addition to the meal pick up locations they are also delivering meals by school buses. See the flyer attached to the Friday Update for the bus stop locations and times.

Lane Transit District Schedule

Lane Transit District (LTD) will operate Saturday schedules on Route 98 and most other routes, Monday through Saturday, beginning Monday, March 23, 2020, until further notice. Sunday bus service stays the same.

“Saturday-level bus service offers the community transit service, while reducing the potential exposure to the coronavirus to riders and our LTD bus operators and staff,” said Aurora Jackson, LTD’s general manager. “We care about our employees who come together to provide this valuable service, and about those in our community who rely on our service for essential needs. We encourage our community to follow the guidelines of our health officials and stay home when possible to reduce the spread of the coronavirus.”

LTD bus riders are encouraged to use the LTD Rider’s Digest or the LTD website to find their bus route’s Saturday-service schedule. The LTD web site is www.LTD.org.

South Lane Wheels Press Release dated March 19, 2020

As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, South Lane Wheels is closely monitoring all information to ensure we’re taking the necessary steps to provide a safe working environment for our staff as well as uninterrupted service to our customers.

South Lane Wheels continues to operate weekday door to door service locally and to the Eugene/Springfield areas until further notice. While LTD Connector service within Cottage Grove has been suspended, South Lane Wheels’ offers low cost services that have no eligibility requirements, operates accessible vehicles and uses professional drivers. Call (541) 942-0456 ext. 1 during office hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm to speak with the dispatcher about your travel needs. Same day ride requests will be scheduled according to availability. South Lane Wheels looks forward to providing all of your transportation needs.

Police Officer Recruitment

In order to allow time for interested applicants to take both the written and ORPAT exams, we are extending the deadline to Friday, May 29, 2020 at 5:00 pm. If testing locations become more readily available before then, CGPD reserves the right to change the deadline to an earlier date than May 29th.

Interested applicants must use the National Testing Network to apply. All instructions are on their website: <https://www.nationaltestingnetwork.com/publicsafe.../index.cfm>

Online Databases at the Library

The Cottage Grove Public Library, in partnership with the Oregon State Library, offers access to thousands of magazines, journals and databases - that's literally millions of articles available to our patrons online. You can access the State Library by going to the following link:

<https://www.cottagegrove.org/library/page/research-databases> Note: you will need your library card number to access these databases.

Additionally, Library2Go (OverDrive) gives you access to downloadable e-books and audiobooks on your mobile device via the Overdrive app. Media can also be transferred from your computer to your e-book reader or mp3 player.

Access TumbleBook Library services for free through August 31, 2020. No library card required. Find K-6 children's ebooks, K-6 math ebooks, 7-12 e-books, all ages audio books, and romance novels. Please share this resource.

<https://www.cottagegrove.org/library/page/tumblebooks>

Find a list of educational, story time, early literacy, and COVID-19 & kids digital resources for kids and families at: <https://www.cottagegrove.org/library/page/kids-and-family-digital-resources>

Quote of the Week

“I believe compassion to be one of the few things we can practice that will bring immediate and long-term happiness to our lives.”

~Dalai Lama~